THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Dhruv Helicopter fleet of the Indian Air Force has been grounded since 26.11.2005.

(b) Though fault was found with the specific batch of tail rotor blades, no technical fault about the maneuverability or otherwise of Dhruv Helicopter has been detected.

(c) There are no cases of crashes of Dhruv under review or examination. Two incidents of forced landing took place on 28-10-2004 and 25-11-2005. These incidents have been analyzed for rectification. In both these cases neither pilot/personal injuries have taken place nor there was any fire or leakage of fuel/oil, which has proved the ruggedness and safety factors of Dhruv.

Raise in defence outlay

912. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise its outlay in the current year;

(b) whether Government has spent the allocated outlay for the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Annual allocation of the Ministry of Defence is being determined each year before budget in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. The same practice has been followed for the current year also.

(b) to (d) The extent of utilisation of funds during the last two years has been as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure
2003-22004	65,300.00	60,300.00	60,065.80
2004-2005	77,000.00	77,000.00	75,855.92

Thus there have been minor savings in the Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.